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GRACIE WEBSTER V STATE OF MICHIGAN

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Proof of Service Date: 07/19/2013

Jurisdictional Checklist: Y Register of Actions: Y Fee Code: STATE

Attorney: 55439 - MEINGAST HEATHER S

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From: INGHAM CIRCUIT COURT Case Number: 13-000734-CZ

Trial Court Judge: 37670 AQUILINA ROSEMARIE E

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Nature of Case:

**Declaratory Judgment** 

### 07/19/2013 3 LCt Order

Date: 07/19/2013

For Party: 3 MICHIGAN STATE OF DF-AT Attorney: 55439 - MEINGAST HEATHER S

Comments: Order denying defendant's motion for summary disposition

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Comments: Transcripts have been ordered per Juris Checklist on Claim; No hearir

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Date: 07/19/2013

Attorney: 30342 - NELSON MARGARET A

Comments: Summary of orders issued 7/19/13 in 3 related Lct cases; 7/19 orders

stay in 317284 linked

### 07/22/2013 4 Telephone Contact

For Party: 1 WEBSTER GRACIE PL-AE Attorney: 30417 - CANZANO JOHN R

Comments: Confirmed receipt of Claim via email service

### 07/22/2013 8 Telephone Contact

Comments: L. Fagins of Detroit Law Dept re: City will file Notice of Stay Due to Br

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### 07/26/2013 9 Bankruptcy - Notice

Date: 07/25/2013

Attorney: 72916 - LINDSTROM AARON D Comments: Order extending Chapter 9 Stay

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Attorney: 55439 - MEINGAST HEATHER S

Comments: Upon Receipt of 7/25/13 orders from US Bankruptcy Court

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### **Jurisdictional Checklist**

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# IN THE $\mathbf{30}^{\mathrm{TH}}$ CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

WEBSTER, ETH.	
Plaintiff,	ORDER
v	HON. ROSEMARIE E, AQUILINA
RICKSNYDER, ETAL,	Docket No: 13-734-CZ
Defendant.	
At a session of said Co of Lansing, County of Ingha this day of PRESENT: The Honorable Rose 30 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	m, State of Michigan, Muli, 201_ marie E. Aquilina
Upon review of motion, and a hearing being	held in open court, and argument having
been heard, and being fully apprised of the issues, st	ates the following:
IT IS ORDERED that DEFENDAN.	TS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY
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IT IS SO ORDERED.	Hon, Rosemarie E. Aquilina (P37670)  Circuit Court Judge
Approved as to form:  Plaintiff / Plaintiff's Attorney	Defendant / Defendant's Attorney

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# STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

GRACIE WEBSTER and VERONICA THOMAS,

Plaintiffs,

· VS

Case No. 13-734-CZ Hon. Rosemarie Aquilina

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN; RICHARD SNYDER, as Governor of the State of Michigan; and ANDY DILLON, as Treasurer of the State of Michigan,

Defendants.

### ORDER OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

At a session of said Court held in Ingham County Circuit Court, State of Michigan, this 1999 day of July, 2013.

PRESENT: Somowe Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiffs request declaratory relief pursuant to MCR 2.605 concerning (1) the constitutionality under Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution of the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541, et seq. ("PA 436"), insofar as PA 436 permits the Governor to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under chapter 9 of the bankruptcy code, chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code, 29 USC 901 to 946 ("Chapter 9") in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits; and (2) the

authority of the Governor and/or State Treasurer to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under Chapter 9 in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits.

Plaintiffs have requested, and Defendants have agreed in their Response, that the hearing in this matter may be advanced pursuant to MCR 2.605(D) and the court finds that expedited treatment is appropriate and that final declaratory relief is proper at this time.

The Court having reviewed the parties filings and submissions, and having heard oral argument by counsel for the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, and for the reasons stated on the record,

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

PA 436 is unconstitutional and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution to the extent that it permits the Governor to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under Chapter 9 in any manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits; and PA 436 is to that extent of no force or effect;

The Governor is prohibited by Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution from authorizing an emergency manager under PA 436 to proceed under Chapter 9 in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits, and any such action by the Governor is without authority and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution.

On July 16, 2013, City of Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr submitted a recommendation to Defendant Governor Snyder and Defendant Treasurer Dillon pursuant to Section 18(1) of PA 436 to proceed under Chapter 9, which together with the facts presented in Plaintiffs' filings, reflect that Emergency Manager Orr intended to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits if he were authorized to proceed under Chapter 9. On July 18, 2013, Defendant

Governor Snyder approved the Emergency Manager's recommendation without placing any contingencies on a Chapter 9 filing by the Emergency Manager; and the Emergency Manager filed a Chapter 9 petition shortly thereafter. By authorizing the Emergency Manager to proceed under Chapter 9 to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits, Defendant Snyder acted without authority under Michigan law and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution.

In order to rectify his unauthorized and unconstitutional actions described above, the Governor must (1) direct the Emergency Manager to immediately withdraw the Chapter 9 petition filed on July 18, and (2) not authorize any further Chapter 9 filing which threatens to A copy of this Order shall be transmitted President Obama. diminish or impair accrued pension benefits.

At is so Ordered.

Circuit Court Judge

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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL



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July 19, 2013

Ms. Kimberly S. Hauser Michigan Court of Appeals Hall of Justice 925 W. Ottawa St. P.O. Box 30022 Lansing, MI 48909-7522

Re: Webster v Snyder, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-734-CZ, COA Docket Nos 317286, 317292; Flowers v Snyder, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-729-CZ, COA Docket No. 317285; The General Retirement System of the City of Detroit v Orr, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-768-CZ, COA Docket No. 317284;

### Dear Clerk Hauser:

As the Court is aware from our filings on behalf of Governor Snyder, Emergency Manager Orr, Treasurer Dillon, and the State of Michigan earlier today, Judge Aquilina of the Ingham County Circuit Court issued temporary-restraining and preliminary-injunction orders yesterday after the Governor had already authorized and Emergency Manager Orr had already filed a Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition on behalf of the City of Detroit. In our three applications for leave to appeal and accompanying motions, we ask the Court to stay the effect of the orders and stay all further trial-court proceedings.

A short time ago, Judge Aquilina concluded additional proceedings in these matters. In *Webster v Snyder*, Judge Aquilina entered final judgment on plaintiffs' claim for declaratory relief, denied the State's motions for summary disposition and for stay, and directed that her orders be transmitted directly to the President of the United States. In *Flowers v Snyder*, Judge Aquilina amended her previously issued preliminary injunction, and denied the State's motions for summary disposition and again denied motions for stay.

These are extraordinary actions, because Judge Aquilina has no legal basis to enter orders of any kind. As explained in the application for leave filed in *The* 

[Addressee] Page 2 [Date]

General Retirement System of the City of Detroit v Orr, there is an automatic stay in place by virtue of the bankruptcy filing. In addition, Judge Aquilina did not even consider the factors for injunctive relief. And plaintiffs cannot show a likelihood of success on the merits (their claims are not yet ripe and can be litigated fully in the bankruptcy court), there is no danger of irreparable harm (for the same reasons), the harm to defendants' executive branch power outweighs any potential harm to plaintiffs (since they can litigate all of their claims in the bankruptcy court), and the harm to the public is immense.

These proceedings could not be more high stakes. The City of Detroit is in the most desperate financial straits, with estimated debt of \$18 to \$20 billion, roughly \$24,000 per City resident. If Detroit were a state, its debt load would exceed that of 43 other states. And due to the City of Detroit's unsustainable debt load, the City has lost the ability to provide even the most basic services to its residents. Citizens wait an average of 58 minutes for the police to respond to their calls. Only 8.7% of criminal cases are solved. In the first quarter of 2013, 40% of the City's street lights were not functioning, and only one-third of the City's ambulances were in service. The bankruptcy is essential to Detroit being able to serve the basic health and safety needs of its citizens.

Enclosed is the final judgment in the *Webster* case, as well as all other orders entered today by the trial court in these cases, and accompanying motion for emergency consideration and consolidation. Defendants seek an immediate stay of *all* trial court orders in these cases, and a stay of *all* further trial court proceedings. I am available 24-7 at 517.898.5986 if the Court would like to conduct a telephonic hearing, or requires any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/John J. Bursch

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

## IN THE $30^{\text{TH}}$ CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

FLOWERS, ETAL,	
Plaintiff,	ORDER
<b>v</b>	HON. ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA
RICKSNYDER, ETAL,	Docket No: 13-729-CZ
Defendant.	
At a session of said Court in of Lansing, County of Ingham, Stathis day of PRESENT: The Honorable Rosemarie	te of Michigan, , 201_ E. Aquilina
30 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court	
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

## IN THE $30^{\text{TH}}$ CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

FLOWERS, ETAL,	
Plaintiff,	ORDER
${f v}$	HON. ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA
RICK SNYDER, ETAL,	Docket No: 13-729-CZ
Defendant.	
At a session of said Court in of Lansing, County of Ingham, St. this day of PRESENT: The Honorable Rosemarie 30 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court	ate of Michigan, , 201 E. Aquilina
Upon review of motion, and a hearing being held i	n open court, and argument having
been heard, and being fully apprised of the issues, states the	ne following:
IT IS ORDERED that _DEFENDANTS'	MOTION FOR SUMMARY
DISPOSITION IS DENIED FOR THE	REASONS STATED
FROM THE BENCH.	
	Rosemarie E. Aquilina (P87670) it Court Judge
Approved as to form: Plaintiff / Plaintiff's Attorney	Defendant / Defendant's Attorney

# STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

ROBBIE FLOWERS, MICHAEL WELLS, JANET WHITSON, MARY WASHINGTON and BRUCE GOLDMAN

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Case No. 13-729-CZ Hon. Rosemarie Aquilina

RICK SNYDER, as the Governor of the State of Michigan; ANDY DILLON, as the Treasurer of the State of Michigan; and the STATE OF MICHIGAN,

### Defendants.

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Amended PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

At a session of the Court, held in the City of Lansing,

County of Ingham, State of Michigan

PRESENT: Hon. Rosemarie E. Aquilina CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' Amended Verified Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction; the Court being fully advised in the premises; Plaintiffs having shown a likelihood of success on the merits of the claims in Plaintiffs' Complaint; Plaintiffs having adequately shown that a failure to immediately issue a Preliminary Injunction will cause irreparable injury to Plaintiffs by permitting the Governor and the State Treasurer ("Defendants") to authorize or otherwise proceed with Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition on behalf of the City of Detroit, or to aid in such a proceeding, wherein Plaintiffs' accrued financial benefits will be impaired; and the Court being otherwise fully informed in the premises and finding good cause:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is granted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are immediately and preliminarily enjoined and restrained from taking any action as to the authorization of a Chapter 9 bankruptcy proceeding for the City of Detroit and/or the filing of a Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition, or any action in aid and assistance as to the same;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this preliminary injunction shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

DATE

TIME

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# STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, and THE
POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT
SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DETROIT,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 13-768-CZ

VS.

Hon. Rosemarie E. Aquilina

KEVYN D. ORR, in his official capacity as the EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, and RICHARD SNYDER, in his official capacity as the GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Defendants.

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Michael J. Pattwell (P72419)
CLARK HILL PLC
212 East Grand River Avenue
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(517) 318-3100
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

### AMENDED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan

PRESENT: HON.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' Complaint with verification and Ex-Parte Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and oral ex-parte motion for amendment to the Temporary Restraining Order entered by the Court on July 18, 2013; the Court being fully

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advised in the premises; Plaintiffs having shown a likelihood of success on the merits of the claims in Plaintiffs' Complaint; Plaintiffs having adequately shown that a failure to immediately issue a Temporary Restraining Order will cause irreparable injury to Plaintiffs by permitting the Governor and the Emergency Manager ("Defendants") to authorize and file a Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition, plan of adjustment, and/or other bankruptcy filings whereby Plaintiffs' accrued financial benefits may be impaired; and the Court being otherwise fully informed in the premises and finding good cause:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is granted;
and their agents and representatives
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are immediately and temporarily enjoined
and restrained from taking any further action that may: (i) cause or further the accrued financial
benefits of the Retirement Systems or their participants from in any way being diminished or
impaired as mandated by Article IX, section 24, of the Michigan Constitution; or (ii) otherwise

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are immediately and temporarily enjoined and restrained from filing with the United States Bankruptcy Court a plan of adjustment or any other filing pursuant to Chapter 9 of the United States bankruptcy code which seeks to impair or diminish the accrued financial benefits of the Retirement Systems or their participants;

abrogates Article IX, section 24, of the Michigan Constitution;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court\_shall hold a hearing on July 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. whereby Defendants shall show cause why a Preliminary Injunction shall not issue; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this temporary restraining order shall remain in full force and effect until 22 at 5:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE / P37670

DATE: 19-12 13

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 30 CIRCUIT COURT FO	OR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM
WEBSTER, ETH,	
Plaintiff,	ORDER
V	HON. ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA
RICKSNYDER, ETAL,	Docket No: 13-734-CZ
Defendant.	
At a session of said ( of Lansing, County of Ingh this // day of	nam, State of Michigan,
PRESENT: The Honorable Ros 30 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	
Upon review of motion, and a hearing being	g held in open court, and argument having
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IN THE 30 <sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM				
ORDER				
HON. ROSEMARIE E. AQUILINA				
Docket No: 13-734-CZ				
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Plaintiff / Plaintiff's Attorney Defendant / Defendant's Attorney

# STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

GRACIE WEBSTER and VERONICA THOMAS,

Plaintiffs,

VS

Case No. 13-734-CZ Hon. Rosemarie Aquilina

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN; RICHARD SNYDER, as Governor of the State of Michigan; and ANDY DILLON, as Treasurer of the State of Michigan,

Defendants.

### ORDER OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

At a session of said Court held in Ingham County Circuit Court, State of Michigan, this 194 day of July, 2013.

PRESENT:

Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiffs request declaratory relief pursuant to MCR 2.605 concerning (1) the constitutionality under Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution of the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541, et seq. ("PA 436"), insofar as PA 436 permits the Governor to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under chapter 9 of the bankruptcy code, chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code, 29 USC 901 to 946 ("Chapter 9") in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits; and (2) the

authority of the Governor and/or State Treasurer to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under Chapter 9 in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits.

Plaintiffs have requested, and Defendants have agreed in their Response, that the hearing in this matter may be advanced pursuant to MCR 2.605(D) and the court finds that expedited treatment is appropriate and that final declaratory relief is proper at this time.

The Court having reviewed the parties filings and submissions, and having heard oral argument by counsel for the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, and for the reasons stated on the record,

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

PA 436 is unconstitutional and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution to the extent that it permits the Governor to authorize an emergency manager to proceed under Chapter 9 in any manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits; and PA 436 is to that extent of no force or effect;

The Governor is prohibited by Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution from authorizing an emergency manager under PA 436 to proceed under Chapter 9 in a manner which threatens to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits, and any such action by the Governor is without authority and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution.

On July 16, 2013, City of Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr submitted a recommendation to Defendant Governor Snyder and Defendant Treasurer Dillon pursuant to Section 18(1) of PA 436 to proceed under Chapter 9, which together with the facts presented in Plaintiffs' filings, reflect that Emergency Manager Orr intended to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits if he were authorized to proceed under Chapter 9. On July 18, 2013, Defendant

Governor Snyder approved the Emergency Manager's recommendation without placing any contingencies on a Chapter 9 filing by the Emergency Manager; and the Emergency Manager filed a Chapter 9 petition shortly thereafter. By authorizing the Emergency Manager to proceed under Chapter 9 to diminish or impair accrued pension benefits, Defendant Snyder acted without authority under Michigan law and in violation of Article IX Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution.

In order to rectify his unauthorized and unconstitutional actions described above, the Governor must (1) direct the Emergency Manager to immediately withdraw the Chapter 9 petition filed on July 18, and (2) not authorize any further Chapter 9 filing which threatens to A copy of this Order shall be transmitted. President Obarna. It is so Ordered. D. diminish or impair accrued pension benefits.

Circuit Court Judge

# STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DETROIT; and THE POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

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KEVYN D. ORR, in his official capacity as the EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, and RICHARD SNYDER, in his official capacity as the GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Defendants-Appellants,

Docket No. 317284 Case No. 13-768-CZ Hon. Rosemarie Aquilina

Relief requested by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2013, or by 8:00 a.m., July 22, 2013, which is the date set for a show cause hearing in this matter.

### DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION, CONSOLIDATION, A STAY OF ALL ORDERS, AND A STAY OF ALL TRIAL PROCEEDINGS

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Dated: July 19, 2013.

Proposed consolidated Defendants Governor Richard Snyder, Treasurer Andy Dillon, the State of Michigan, and City of Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr, by and through their attorneys, Solicitor General, John J. Bursch, and Assistant Attorneys General Margaret A. Nelson and Heather S. Meingast, bring this motion pursuant to MCR 7.211. Defendants state the following in support of these motions:

- 1. On July 17, 2013, the City of Detroit's Pension Systems brought this case (General Retirement Systems) to assert a facial constitutional challenge to the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act (Act), MCL 141.1541, et seq., asserting that the Act is unconstitutional because MCL 141.1558(1) permits the Governor to authorize a proceeding in Chapter 9 bankruptcy, allegedly in violation of article 9, § 24 of the 1963 Constitution. The Pension Systems alleged that the rights of the pension beneficiaries under article 9, § 24 and the funds themselves were threatened by any potential Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing. They sought declaratory relief against both Defendants and injunctive relief against Emergency Manager (EM) Orr.
- 2. The allegations in this case parallel the allegations in two other cases also originating in the same circuit court. In *Flowers v Snyder* (Case No. 317285), beneficiaries of the Detroit's pension systems also brought a facial challenge to the Act, on the same grounds. They sought both declaratory relief and an injunctive order precluding the Governor or the Treasurer from authorizing Detroit's Emergency Manager to proceed with any Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Similarly, in *Webster v Snyder* (Case Nos. 317286 & 317292), another group of beneficiaries of

Detroit's pension systems also mounted a facial challenged to the constitutionality of the Act and sought expedited declaratory judgment and an order precluding the Governor or the Treasurer from authorizing Emergency Manager Orr from proceeding with any Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

- 3. As detailed in emergency filings submitted today to this Court, the trial court issued orders yesterday, now today in each of these cases. In Webster today, the trial court entered final judgment on plaintiffs' claim for declaratory relief, denied the State's motions for summary disposition and for stay, and directed that her orders be transmitted directly to the President of the United States. In Flowers today, the trial court amended its previously issued preliminary injunction (to provide a clean, type-written copy), and again denied the State's motions for summary disposition and for stay. In General Retirement Systems, the court issued an amended order denying the Defendants' motion to stay enforcement of the amended temporary restraining order and enjoining the filing of any plan of adjustment or any other filing pursuant to Chapter 9 that seeks to impair or diminish the accrued financial benefits of the Retirement Systems or their participants.
- 4. Because of the final judgment in Webster, the State Defendants are, concurrently with this motion, filing a claim of appeal to defend the constitutionality of the Act and of the State Defendants' actions. The State Defendants also move to consolidate these three cases, each of which presents overlapping issues regarding (1) the trial court's violation of the federal bankruptcy

court's automatic stay, (2) the trial court's issuance of injunctive relief despite failing to even consider the factors for injunctive relief, and (3) the trial court's erroneous decision to invalidate the Act.

- 5. For the reasons explained here and in the State Defendants' other filings today in these three matters, the State asks this Court to take jurisdiction of these three pending cases (*General Retirement Systems*, *Webster*, and *Flowers*), to stay all orders in those cases, and to stay all further trial-court proceedings in the three cases.
- 6. Pursuant to MCR 7.211(C)(6), the proposed consolidated Defendants also seek immediate consideration of this motion.

WHEREFORE, proposed consolidated Defendants Governor Richard Snyder, Treasurer Dillon, the State of Michigan, and Kevyn Orr respectfully request that this Court by the close of business today (1) consolidate the three cases, (2) immediately stay all of the trial court's orders, (3) stay all proceedings in the trial court action; and (4) grant immediate consideration under MCR 7.211(C)(6). Nothing less is at stake than the future of Michigan's largest city.

Respectfully submitted,

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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### BILL SCHUETTE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 26, 2013

Ms. Kimberly S. Hauser Michigan Court of Appeals Hall of Justice 925 W. Ottawa St. P.O. Box 30022 Lansing, MI 48909-7522

Re:

Webster v Snyder, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-734-CZ, COA Docket Nos. 317286, 317292; Flowers v Snyder, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-729-CZ, COA Docket No. 317285; The General Retirement System of the City of Detroit v Orr, Ingham County Circuit Court No. 13-768-CZ, COA Docket No. 317284;

### Dear Clerk Hauser:

Yesterday the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued two stay orders arising from the City of Detroit's Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Taken together, the orders enjoin any person from continuing judicial proceedings against the City, the Governor, the Treasurer, the State, and Emergency Manager Orr. The orders accordingly apply to the above-listed cases. Concurrently with the filing of this letter, we are also filing in each of the above-listed cases a copy of the bankruptcy court's orders.

Sincerely,

/s/Aaron D. Lindstrom

Assistant Solicitor General Solicitor General Bureau

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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY/COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re : Chapter 9

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, : Case No. 13-53846

Debtor. : Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 16%(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE EXTENDING THE CHAPTER 9 STAY TO CERTAIN (A) STATE ENTITIES, (B) NON OFFICER EMPLOYEES AND (C) AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEBTOR

This matter coming before the Court on the Motion of Debtor,

Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order,

Extending the Chapter 9 Stay to Certain (A) State Entities, (B) Non-Officer

Employees and (C) Agents and Representatives of the Debtor (the "Motion"),

filed by the City of Detroit, Michigan (the "City"); the Court having reviewed the

Motion and the Orr Declaration and having considered the statements of counsel

and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at the shearing before the Court

(the "Hearing"); and the Court finding that: (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.



matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (c) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances, (d) the unusual circumstances present in this chapter 9 case warrant extending the Chapter 9 Stay to the State Entities, the Non-Officer Employees and the City Agents and Representatives; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the Orr Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. Pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Chapter 9 Stay hereby is extended to apply in all respects (to the extent not otherwise applicable) to the State Entities (defined as the Governor, the State Treasurer and the members of the Loan Board, collectively with the State Treasurer and the Governor, and together with each entity's staff, agents and representatives), the Non-Officer Employees and the City Agents and Representatives.
- 3. For the avoidance of doubt, each of the Prepetition Lawsuits hereby is stayed, pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, pending further order of this Court.

4. This order is entered without prejudice to the right of any creditor to file a motion for relief from the stay imposed by this order using the procedures of and under the standards of 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)-(g).

Signed on July 25, 2013

/s/ Steven Rhodes
Steven Rhodes
United States Bankruptcy Judge

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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In re : Chapter 9

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, : Case No. 13-53846

Debtor. : Hon, Steven W. Rhodes

# ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE CONFIRMING THE PROTECTIONS OF SECTIONS 362, 365 AND 922 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

This matter coming before the Court on the Motion of Debtor,
Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order
Confirming the Protections of Sections 362, 365 and 92% of the Bankruptcy Code
(the "Motion"), filed by the City of Detroit, Michigan (the "City"); the Court
having reviewed the Motion and the Orr Declaration and having considered the
statements of counsel and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a
hearing before the Court (the "Hearing"); and the Court finding that: (a) the Court
has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 15% and 1334, (b) this is
a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (c) notice of the Motion and the

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.



Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances, (d) among other things, the requested relief confirms the protections of sections 362, 365 and 922 of the Bankruptcy Code and (e) the Emergency Manager is an officer of the City as that term is used in section 922(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the Orr Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the granted herein;

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. Pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and all those acting for or on their behalf), all foreign or domestic governmental units and all other entities (and all those acting for or on their behalf) are hereby stayed, restrained and enjoined from:
  - (a) commencing or continuing any judic al, administrative or other proceeding against the City, including the issuance or employment of process, that was or could have been commenced before the City's chapter 9 case was commenced;
  - (b) recovering a claim against the City that arose before the commencement of its chapter 9 case;
  - (c) taking any action to obtain possession of property of or from the City;
  - (d) taking any action to create, perfect or enforce any lien against property of the City, to the extent that such lien secures a claim that arose before the commencement of the City's chapter 9 case;

- (e) taking any action to collect, assess of recover a claim against the City that arose before the commencement of its chapter 9 case; and
- (f) offsetting any debt owing to the City that arose before the commencement of its chapter 9 case against any claim against the City.
- 3. All entities, including all persons and foreign and domestic governmental units, and all those acting on their behalf, including sheriffs, marshals, constables and other or similar law enforcement officers and officials are stayed, restrained and enjoined from in any way seizing, attaching, foreclosing upon, levying against or in any other way interfering with any and all property of the City, wherever located.
- 4. Pursuant to section 922(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and all those acting for or on their behalf), all foreign or domestic governmental units and all other entities (and all those acting for or on their behalf) are hereby stayed, restrained and enjoined from:
  - (a) commencing or continuing a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against an officer or inhabitant of the City, including the issuance or employment of process, that seeks to enforce a claim against the City; and
  - (b) enforcing a lien on or arising out of taxes or assessments owed to the City.
- 5. For the avoidance of doubt, the protections of section 922(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to officers and inhabitants of the City, as set

forth in paragraph 4(a) above, apply in all respects to: (a) the Emergency

Manager; and (b) the City Officers, in whatever capacity each of them may serve.

- 6. Pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and all those acting for or on their behalf), all foreign or domestic governmental units and all other entities (and all those acting for or on their behalf) are hereby prohibited from modifying or terminating any executory contract or unexpired lease, or any right or obligation under such contract or lease, at any time after the commencement of the City's chapter 9 case solely because of a provision in such contract or lease that is conditioned on:
  - (a) the insolvency or financial condition of the City at any time before the closing of the City's chapter 9 case; or
  - (b) the commencement of the City's chapter 9 case.
- 7. Pursuant to sections 362 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, all parties to an executory contract or unexpired lease with the City shall continue to perform their obligations under such contract or lease until such contract or lease is assumed or rejected by the City or otherwise expires by its own terms.

Signed on July 25, 2013

/s/ Steven Rhodes
Steven Rhodes
United States Bankruptcy Judge

# Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

### ORDER

Gracie Webster v State Of Michigan

Docket No.

317292

LC No.

13-000734-CZ

Amy Ronayne Krause, Judge, acting under MCR 7.211(E)(2), orders:

Upon receipt of the July 25, 2013, orders of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan extending the Chapter 9 Stay, pursuant to 11 USC 105(a), to certain State entities including defendants-appellants in this appeal, the Court orders that this appeal is CLOSED without prejudice. The closure does not constitute a dismissal or a decision on the merits. When the bankruptcy stay has been removed, the case may be reopened on motion.

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